



# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Hal Hopson  
*Come, Celebrate The Call of God*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Charles Kelly

Leader: God welcomes those whose hearts are sick.  
God's invitation comes to people whose joy is gone.

PEOPLE: **WHY IS THE HEALTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE NOT RESTORED?  
WHY MUST WE WEEP DAY AND NIGHT FOR THOSE WE HAVE LOST?**

Leader: There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.  
Jesus Christ is our mediator, healer, and savior.

PEOPLE: **WE BRING ALL OUR PAIN AND UNRESOLVED ANGER.  
WE COME IN ALL OUR CONFUSION TO SEEK ANSWERS.**

Leader: Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments.  
God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

UNISON: **WE CRY OUT TO GOD FOR DELIVERANCE FROM OUR SINS.  
WE CRY OUT FOR RELIEF FROM OUR SUFFERING.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Tommy Mills

\*WORSHIP HYMN..... (see screen)  
*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) – Chris Tomlin*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Into this holy temple, we have come, gracious God. This is not our church but Yours. We cannot claim our world; it is a trust from Your hand. Our lives, our health, our length of days call forth our stewardship. We are managers, not owners, so we come to You now to give account and seek Your further commands. Help us, O God of our salvation. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35  
*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 963).....1 Timothy 2:1-7

ANTHEM.....Michael W. Smith  
*Great is the Lord*

SECOND READING (pg. 851).....Luke 16:1-13

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....John Thomas Grape  
*Jesus Paid it All*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give, loving God, because of Your generosity to us. We share because this is Your will for us. In faithfulness to Your call, we seek to manage the resources You provide for the greatest benefit to humankind. May they bring a bit closer an awareness of Your intentions for us and Your rule among us. We worship and serve You with all we have. Amen.**

\*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 419  
*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Mary Redmon

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Leo Gibbs

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....William J. Gaither  
*Because He Lives*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 350**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Traditional Welsh Melody**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

‡ Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> attend LIVE BIG!

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Thomas Thornton, Pam Gibbs, Jimmy Jarvis, Nathan Loftis



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.*

*We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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# The Parable of the Shrewd Manager



*In the Book: Luke 16*

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